

UpStream Art –2016 Call for Artists – Application Packet

What is UpStream Art?

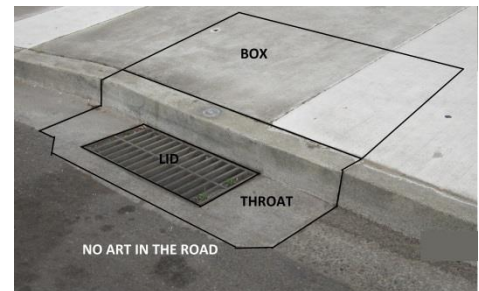
City of Springfield is excited to launch its first-ever UpStream Art project aimed to communicate the importance of storm drains, their function, and their connection to our rivers. Local artists are invited to paint murals on storm drains with visual messages to protect water ways, stream habitat, and aquatic wildlife. The purpose of UpStream Art is to bring attention to storm drains and convey a visual message to observers to stop and think about where the water flows after it enters a storm drain. This project is part of the City's education and outreach efforts to help residents understand that stormwater flows untreated to our local waterways, and that everyone has a role in helping to protect our rivers.

What are we looking for?

A committee made up of City staff, Springfield business representatives, and representatives from the art community will select designs from those submitted. There are up to 5 storm drains identified for the 2016 project. The committee will select local artists based on the message being conveyed; how well the art depicts that storm drains lead to rivers untreated, and how well the art encourages the community to help protect local waterways. **The theme for 2016 is “Drains to Stream” and the artwork must include the following information somewhere next to the design: “City of Springfield” and “Springfieldstreams.org”.**

Art Parameters

All artwork shall remain within the confines of the storm drain structure. This is the concrete that immediately surrounds the opening (or mouth) of the storm drain and the concrete box around the lid. The general size of a storm drain is 4'x6', but this will fluctuate with each drain. **The art cannot exceed into the street.** Artists will be assigned a storm drain upon selection of the design. It is strongly encouraged that each artist visits the site before installation day. Artists will have up to 2 weeks after notification of selection to make MINOR modifications to their design to reflect the storm drain they will be painting. This final design must be approved by the City. Art must be tasteful and original and include the storm drain physical components (lid, throat, box, etc.)



What to expect?

City of Springfield staff will power wash each storm drain site before the project begins and coat with Seal-Krete® Clear Coat before and after the painting is done. Specialized sidewalk paints in basic colors will be provided for artists to use. Artists are free to mix provided paint to achieve the colors they desire. Once the storm drain murals are completed photos will be taken. Photos will be used in the City's outreach and education materials; artist recognition will be used in all materials. The artwork is anticipated to last anywhere from 3-5 years. The City reserves the right to remove storm drain artwork at any time. If selected to participate in the UpStream Art project, artists must sign a contract agreeing to complete the mural on time, use specialized sidewalk paints provided by the City, paint the City-approved design they submitted, and release ownership of the storm drain mural artwork to the City of Springfield. Selected artists (up to five total artists) will receive \$200 for

their initial design and another \$300 after the city-approved artwork is installed for \$500 total compensation. Selected designs become property of the City of Springfield.

The City of Springfield will provide basic color paints specialized for painting sidewalks. Artists must use provided paints, as they are specialized for sidewalks. Artist will be allowed to mix colors on site. Paint colors provided by City of Springfield: red, black, yellow, blue, and white.

City of Springfield hopes to provide a fun and engaging experience to the community with your art. This important outreach event is dependent upon the efforts of our supportive and vibrant local art community. We appreciate your willingness and ability to meet all deadlines and complete the original design you proposed.

UpStream Art – Artist Application

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Website: _____

Are you a student? _____ If so, where: _____

Please attach a sketch, or graphic, of your original design with your name to this application; you are welcome to supply portfolio work, resumes, and bios. If selected, each artist will be required to submit a bio for public outreach. Feel free to attach any reference photos if you find it would be helpful including other pieces that you have created. City of Springfield will not return entries. If your artwork is not selected, you will retain the rights to your design.

Please write a brief description of your piece and how it will incorporate this year's theme "Drains to Stream" and the placement of the information "City of Springfield" and "Springfieldstreams.org" next to the design.

2016 Schedule:**Application Due: 5 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2016**

Artist will be notified of selection tentative: July 12, 2016

Final design modifications must be submitted for approval: August 1, 2016

Paint pick-up, contract signing, and **required** safety and stormwater training: tentative August 8, 2016

Prep sidewalks and begin painting: August 12, 2016

All art will be completed at Art & Chalk Fest: August 13, 2016

Submitting Your Entry:

Please submit your Application Packet and original design either by mail or drop off to the address below by 5 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2016.

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Or you may scan and email your Application Packet and original design to: WaterResources@springfield-or.gov with "UpStream Art Project" in the subject line by 5 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2016.